

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PROGRESS POLLUTION REPORT**

I. HEADING

Date: July 15, 1993

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Subject: Frontier Chemical Processes, Inc., Niagara Falls,
Niagara County, NY - Cyanides, Oxidizers, Flam-
mables, Corrosives, Halogenated and
Non-Halogenated Solvents

POLREP NO: Eleven (11)

II. BACKGROUND

SITE/SPILL NO.: AY

D.O. NO.: 0026-02-036 (Region II ETI Contract)
3002-03-056 (Region III ETI Contract)

RESPONSE AUTHORITY: CERCLA/SARA

NPL STATUS: Non-NPL

START DATE: December 22, 1992

APPROVAL STATUS: Authorization of Funding from Deputy
Regional Administrator

STATUS OF ACTION MEMO: Signed May 17, 1993

III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. See Polrep #1.

B. Actions Taken

1. On July 2, responses to the Notice Letters were due. One hundred responses were received at the deadline. The OSCs are currently processing the responses of which some were unique and enigmatic. Three FOIA requests and numerous informal information requests were also processed.
2. During the week of July 5, ERCS overpacked five leaking drums and affected repairs on several wastewater process lines. ERCS also pumped and processed approximately 20,000 gallons of secondary containment water. In addition, ERCS also repaired secondary containment pumps. A sample of a 50,000 gallon leaking tank has been submitted for analyses. Upon receipt of the analysis, pumping of the tank and repairs will commence.
3. During the week of July 12, ERCS continued maintenance actions at the site including overpacking two leaking drums, processing 17,000 gallons of wastewater, and tank repairs.
4. The PRPs have formed a steering committee. This steering committee has two groups of executive officers, enforcement and technical.
5. On Tuesday, July 13, the OSCs gave a tour of the site to the officers of the steering committee. It seems that this PRP group is willing to do the drum action in an expeditious manner.

C. Future Actions

1. Maintenance of the facility and 24-hour security will continue.
2. The technical committee has scheduled a meeting on July 20 and have asked the EPA-OSC to attend. The enforcement group is communicating with ORC regarding the negotiations for the Consent Order. It is anticipated

that the negotiations will occur within the next two weeks. The OSCs are currently working on the PRP documentation and investigation of the phase 2 tank action at the site. Twelve FOIA responses were completed and forwarded to Edison for review and concurrence.

D. Key Issues

IV. COST INFORMATION:

	<u>Obligations</u>	ETI Region II Contract Costs As of 6/18/93	Total Remaining
Obligated to DCN#932AKE0004, DCN#932AKE0010, DCN#932AKE0031	\$ 900,000		
Amount Obligated DCN#932AKE0031	\$ -50,000		
TOTAL	\$ 850,000	\$ 775,000	\$ 75,000
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		ETI Region Contract costs as of 7/16/93	
Amount Obligated to Present Contract DCN#932AKE0068	\$ 350,000	\$ 69,352	\$ 280,648
EPA/TAT Costs	\$ 632,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 382,000
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Site Totals	\$ 1,823,000	\$ 1,094,352	\$ 737,648